



OFBCI News

Where service and volunteerism happen!

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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Grant update: new dates, revised contact information

Plan your Day of Service activities, apply for funding



With Martin Luther King, Jr. Day's activities now in the rear view mirror, the OFBCI has the privilege and opportunity to highlight the successes of service day participants and grantees. Thank you to the University of Southern Indiana, New Hope Services and their partners in Scott County, Robinson Community Learning Center, the American Red Cross of St. Joseph County, and all the AmeriCorps members involved with each of these projects.

Because of these impactful efforts, we hope all of our readers feel compelled to plan for the next opportunities to join with organizations across Indiana, making a difference at particularly meaningful times in the 2012 calendar year.

Mini-grants are still available to provide resources that will help coordinate and increase the impact of service projects in Indiana. The goal of this Mini-Grant program is to demonstrate the power of service as a solution to community needs, and to see the service through at particularly meaningful times in the 2012 calendar year.

The OFBCI encourages Day of Service projects that (1) demonstrate community connections and use of local resources, (including partnerships with a minimum of one organization that serves persons with disabilities), (2) build capacity of local national service programs through regional

Quick Links:

[Indiana OFBCI](#)

[One Stop Shop](#)

[AmeriCorps Indiana](#)

[State of Indiana](#)

Community Events:

- [Feb. 2 - ICCSV Board Meeting](#)
- [Feb. 6 - COAD Grant Application Deadline](#)
- [Feb. 9 - Indiana VOAD Meeting](#)
- [Feb. 17 - Mind Trust Charter School Incubator grant application due](#)
- [Mar. 12-13 - Indiana Out of School Learning Summit](#)
- [Mar. 10-18 - AmeriCorps Week](#)
- [Apr. 5 - ICCSV Board Meeting](#)

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networking and co-planning of activities, and (3) increase member and volunteer understanding and commitment to national service and volunteerism.

[Click here for updated information and application instructions for 2012 service day grants](#)

OFBCI welcomes new program officer



Holly Brauneller, a graduate of the Ohio State University and Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), joins OFBCI as a program officer.

Originally a Buckeye, Holly grew up in Centerville, Ohio -- a suburb of Dayton. She attended the Ohio State University in Columbus where she studied communications and remained in Columbus after graduation. Though she started her career in retail banking, and soon became a branch manager, she volunteered in various community service projects and became involved with serving the Hispanic community through one of her branch locations.

After gaining experience serving the Hispanic community through her work and as a volunteer, Holly decided she would apply to the Peace Corps—something she had wanted to do since high school. Through the Peace Corps, she served for two years in Guatemala as a small business advisor, teaching small business practices in the local schools and assisting a local women's association. After completing over two years of service, Holly returned to the US, became a Hoosier, and earned her Masters of Public Affairs from Indiana University in Bloomington (SPEA). At SPEA, she concentrated in Public and Nonprofit management.

Holly will be working at OFBCI as a Program Officer, working mainly with the Southern regions of the state, assisting in financial and programmatic compliance with several sub-grantees.

Please join us in giving Holly a warm welcome!

COAD grant seeking applicants



As part of a partnership with the [Indiana Department of Homeland Security](#), the OFBCI is working with the [Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(Indiana VOAD\)](#) to ensure that Indiana is better prepared at the local level.

A large portion of this involves getting organizations of all types, to lend a hand before a disaster to accomplish several main goals, with the help of funding from the state:

- Affiliate with a regional [Community Organization Active in Disaster \(COAD\) Partnership](#) (where they already exist)
- Start a COAD Partnership where there currently is none
- Inventory physical resources and human capital in your region prior to a disaster
- Improve or create disaster plans that reflect use of resources and organizational collaboration

Funding is available to local faith and community-based nonprofits for the implementation of specific disaster preparations strategies, ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00, dependent on the number of communities involved, the focus of the project design, the projected scope of deliverables, and the capacity to provide deliverables.

If you would like more information about the COAD Partnership Grant, please visit <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2570.htm>. For specific questions, please free to contact [Debbie Pidgeon](#) at 317-233-0901.

One Stop Shop portal adds new partners



The [White River State Park](#), the [Office of the Secretary of State](#), and the [Office of the Attorney General](#) are the latest state agencies to participate in the OFBCI's [One Stop Shop initiative](#).

Initially, White River State Park will be providing information about volunteer opportunities for nonprofits, the Secretary of State's Office will have a quick link for organizations that looking to register their nonprofit corporation, and the Office of the Attorney General will be listing training opportunities for nonprofits to learn and host information sessions about fraud and the Attorney General's legal resources.

More opportunities will be announced in the coming months, so stayed tuned and visit www.in.gov/ofbci/OneStop.htm often.

Don't be a victim: protect yourself from scams and identity theft

Take part in a free consumer protection presentation from the Office of the [Indiana Attorney General](#).

Learn More About:

- The latest scams and frauds
- Techniques used by fraudsters over the phone and through the mail
- The importance of protecting your personal information, including your social security number
- How to check your credit report and how to report anything fraudulent on your report
- How to freeze your credit

Contact Amanda Meyer, Outreach Services Specialist, to schedule a presentation for your local group at: amanda.meyer@atg.in.gov or 317-234-7101.
